

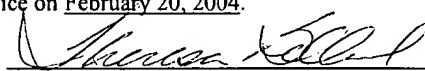


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Introductory Comments

Responsive to the Office Action mailed October 20, 2003, Applicants submit the following Amendment and remarks. This Amendment and Response is being submitted concurrently with a Petition for Extension of Time of one month.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.